GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1543
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DRINKING WATER SUPPLY IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government for providing drinking water facilities in rural schools;

(b) whether any targets were fixed for providing drinking water in these schools during the Tenth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the targets set could not be achieved in many States;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for achieving the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Water is a state subject and state governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, financial assistance and technical support is rendered to the State Governments through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply programme (ARWSP) under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM). There are no separate funds earmarked for school coverage, however, the states are expected to give priority to coverage of rural schools for drinking water from funds available under ARWSP and other programmes. The states are competent to plan and sanction the same at their level. It was envisaged to cover all the schools during the Tenth Plan period by dovetailing funds under various programmes of centre and state.

(b) to (d) The year wise target and achievement reported by the states is as follows:

Year	Target	Achievement
2002-03	35030	30017
2003-04	78554	42155
2004-05	66273	20040
2005-06	140000	72464
2006-07#	-	40601
10th Plan	319857	205277

As on 31.1.2007

(e) Full coverage could not be achieved by some of the states, as many of these schools located in habitations are in remote and hilly terrains where accessibility is a problem. Further, there is constraint of scattered population and non-availability of safe source, which makes per capita cost very high. The coverage status is ever-changing as many schools which were covered earlier face problems of inadequacy of drinking water due to drying up of source, increase in number of students, poor maintenance etc.
The State-wise details of achievement made during the Tenth Plan period so far is enclosed as Annexure.

(f) Apart from regular reviews, the Department is coordinating with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Department of Elementary Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Human Resources Development for covering all rural schools with drinking water and sanitation facilities.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1543 for reply on 09.03.2007

Target and Coverage of Rural Schools Under Rural Water Supply Programme During 10th Plan

		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
S.	State/UT	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage#

No.

1	Andhra Pradesh	1951	47	1951	1768	4673	433	3600	1391	573
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11	125	80	150	452	306	500	347	147
3	Assam	1200	2123	2123	714	2123	10000	1838	41	
4	Bihar	686	686	0	686	0	11000	350	111	
5	Chhattisgarh	1448	1137	5928	4569	4500	3511	4000	3996	2394
6	Goa	37	100	100	0	300	0			
7	Gujarat	800	600	600	645	600	625	1000	2099	715
8	Haryana	76	100	0	0	2000	917	2510		
9	Himachal Pradesh	350	350	350	350	350	350	3000	2476	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	381	381	153	381	473	5000	3501		
11	Jharkhand	500	444	9527	2334	5473	1285	4000	541	
12	Karnataka	1500	11889	10516	9333	663	20000	7015	8667	
13	Kerala	114	86	114	76	114	506	4000	114	214
14	Madhya Pradesh	5000	4010	12000	9188	4000	6155	20494	12421	3083
15	Maharashtra	2287	2875	2287	2533	5939	1889	10000	5154	1172
16	Manipur	440	47	440	440	500	0			
17	Meghalaya	70	70	73	70	66	600	650	57	
18	Mizoram	100	16	583	96	400	56	2000	685	1185
19	Nagaland	50	125	100	62	100	44	600	36	9
20	Orissa	1500	6000	10000	0	10000	6000	9476	2018	
21	Punjab	1650	1023	1200	397	2473	740	2500	293	54
22	Rajasthan	2500	2500	2500	2092	4000	7500	8736	8002	
23	Sikkim	50	40	50	40	67	67	81	51	0
24	Tamilnadu	6000	6064	5358	3780	269	269	0	5	2570
25	Tripura	200	467	500	395	0	216	300	276	72
26	Uttar Pradesh	3811	3811	3811	883	11000	4738	5824		
27	Uttaranchal	229	3852	357	3852	5000	2361	858		
28	West Bengal	2000	1800	2000	1859	2000	1500	5000	2970	325
29	A&N Islands	27	12	0	35	24	12			
30	D&N Haveli	38	38	38	8	8	3	0	14	
31	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1	1				
32	Delhi	0	0	0	0					
33	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0					
34	Pondicherry	24	24	24	0					
	Total	35030	30017	78554	42155	66273	20040	140000	72464	40601

$ Coverage as on 31.1.2007 reported by States/UTs till 28-2-2007.
Note: Targets were not fixed during 2006-07 due to priority for coverage of rural habitations under Bharat Nirman programme